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NEW AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY INTRODUCED

FIRST TREE-PLANTING MACHINE PRODUCED IN MOLDAVIA. -- Sovetskoye Moldaviya, No 53,
16 Mar 49

The first tree-planting machine, the SLN-1, weighing 790 kilograms, has been produced by the Kishinev Forestry Machinery Plant, Moldavian SSR. It can plant $\frac{1}{2}$ hectare per hour, and eight machines can be drawn by one tractor. The machine will be produced by the Kishinev Plant and the Verkhne-Turinskii Plant in the Urals. The Kishinev Plant is to build 100 machines in 1949.

MASS PRODUCTION OF COTTON-PICKING MACHINES -- Trybuna Ludu, No 57, 27 Feb 49

In the postwar years, Soviet engineers designed and developed a cotton-picking machine. It was tested last year and proved highly productive. Mass production of this machine will begin in the "Tashtekmash" Plant named Vuroshnikov in Tashkent, which expects to supply the kollektives and sovkhozes with about 1,100 such machines.

YEREVAN TOOL PLANT UNDER RECONSTRUCTION -- Kommunist, No 57, 10 Mar 49

Reconstruction of the Yersem Agricultural Tool Plant should be completed in the second quarter of 1949. After reconstruction, the main output of the plant will be generators with a capacity of 15, 20, and 25 kilowatt-amperes. The generator shop is being re-equipped and considerably enlarged and will produce up to 1,500 generators yearly.

VOROSHILOV PLANT OUTPUT LAGS -- Komsomolskaya Pravda, No 59. 17 Feb 49

The Voroshilov Motor Repair Plant of the Ministry of Agriculture USSR is one of the enterprises lagging most in Primorsky Krai. It has failed to complete the production plan from month to month. The plant fulfilled the 1948 plan only 84.5 percent and is not maintaining the output schedule for machine tools, tractor spare parts, and other agricultural machines in 1949.

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Losses from defective production amounted to 336,000 rubles in 1948 and more than 200,000 rubles above plan were spent because of high production costs. Labor productivity per worker was only 91.5 percent of the 1948 plan. An inspection committee reviewed the situation and made a number of proposals to speed the production cycle and increase efficiency in the plant in 1949.

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